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From: Richard Sanchez
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Subject: **CONFIDENTIAL/SENSITIVE INFORMATION STORED ON A TABLET
PERSONAL COMPUTER WAS STOLEN AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Between the evening of July 16, 2009 and the morning of July 17, 2009, a tablet personal computer (PC) was stolen from a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) employee's automobile. The tablet PC contained confidential/sensitive information on 10 clients including Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) case information. Per County policy, the stored information on the tablet PC was encrypted thus constituting a minimal risk to these clients.

The Department has established preventative measures to prevent the loss of personal computers. In this case, the employee did not adhere to appropriate safeguards and was subsequently fined.

For questions related to this matter, please contact me, or Robert Pittman, Chief Information Security Officer, at 213.253.5631 or rpittman@cio.lacounty.gov.

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